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1. BILL PROVIDING FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A QUOTE NATIONAL AVIATION EQUIPMENT INDUSTRY (EBAY) UNQUOTE INTRODUCED IN PARLIAMENT APRIL 10 BY MINISTERS OF COORDINATION AND PLANNING, NATIONAL DEFENSE, AND FINANCE. EBAY WILL OPERATE AS PUBLIC CORPORATION WHOSE SHARES WILL BE OWNED BY GOG AND THE HELLENIC INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BANK (ETBA). GOG WILL BE ENTITLED TO TRANSFER PORTION OF IT SHARES BUT IT WILL IN ANY CASE RETAIN CONTROLLING INTEREST. EBAY WILL BE MANAGED BY 9-MEMBER ADMINISTRATIVE BOARD WITH FOUR OF ITS MEMBERS TO BE APPOINTED BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE.

2. THREE MINISTERS ABOVE WOULD BE AUTHORIZED TO NEGOTIATE WITH FOREIGN AND GREEK INDIVIDUALS OR COMPANIES (NO GREEK UNCLASSIFIED

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OR FOREIGN COMPANY IS MENTIONED BY NAME) CONSTRUCTION AND

SUPPLY CONTRACTS, MANAGEMENT CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF FACILITY, AND TECHNICAL CONSULTANCY CONTRACT. CONTRACTS WOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE UPON THEIR SIGNATURE; THEY WOULD BE SUBJECT TO NEITHER LEGISLATIVE RATIFICATION NOR GAZETTING. ALL EQUIPMENT, AIRCRAFT AND SUPPLIES TO BE IMPORTED IN CONNECTION WITH CONSCTRUCTION AND SUBSEQUENT OPERATION OF FACILITY WOULD BE FREE OF DUTIES AND TAXES.

3. AT PRESS CONFERENCE APRIL 14, COORDINATION MINISTER PAPALIGOURAS SAID THAT SIGNIFICANT POLITICAL ADVANTAGES WILL BE DERIVED FOR GREECE, INCLUDING: INDEPENDENCE IN AIR FORCE SUPPORT; PRESTIGE; STRENGTHENING FRIENDLY RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES USING FACILITY. PAPALIGOURAS ALSO UNDERSCORED ECONOMIC ADVANTAGES WHICH WOULD INCLUDE; AIRCRAFT MAINTENCE AT COST; REALIZATION OF FOREIGN EXCHANGE SAVINGS (FROM MAINTENANCE OF GREEK AIRCRAFT LOCALLY) AND EARNINGS (FROM MAINTAINING FOREIGN AIRCRAFT); CRATION OF 3,000 JOBS; OPPORTUNITIES FOR AUXILARY INDUSTRIES, AND TECHNOLOGICAL ADVANCEMENT. KUBISCH

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